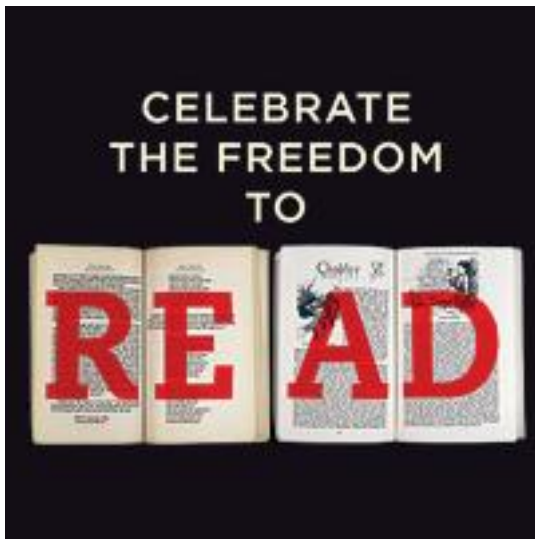


## Banned Books Week



Banned Books Week (September 30 - October 6) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States. [Read more about Banned Books Week.](#)

Read the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse 2012 Annual Report ([pdf](#)).

### Most Challenged Books in 2011

1. *ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r* (series), by Lauren Myracle. Reasons: offensive language; religious viewpoint; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
2. *The Color of Earth* (series), by Kim Dong Hwa. Reasons: nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
3. *The Hunger Games* trilogy, by Suzanne Collins. Reasons: anti-ethnic; anti-family; insensitivity; offensive language; occult/satanic; violence
4. *My Mom's Having A Baby! A Kid's Month-by-Month Guide to Pregnancy*, by Dori Hillestad Butler. Reasons: nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
5. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie. Reasons: offensive language; racism; religious viewpoint; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group.
6. *Alice* (series), by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Reasons: nudity; offensive language; religious viewpoint
7. *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley. Reasons: insensitivity; nudity; racism; religious viewpoint; sexually explicit
8. *What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones. Reasons: nudity; offensive language; sexually explicit
9. *Gossip Girl* (series), by Cecily Von Ziegesar. Reasons: drugs; offensive language; sexually explicit
10. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee. Reasons: offensive language; racism

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